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Exemption No. 6780C
Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2002-11564

Sgt. Kent A. Choate
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Dear Sergeant Choate:

This is in response to your March 11, 2004, letter petitioning the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on behalf of the Cedar Rapids Police Department, Air Support Division (CRPD) for an extension of Exemption No. 6780, as amended. That exemption from § 91.209(a) and (b) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) permits the CRPD to conduct air operations without lighted position and anticollision lights required by § 91.209.

In your petition, you indicate that the conditions and reasons regarding public interest and safety, presented in the original petition upon which the exemption was granted, remain unchanged.

The FAA has determined that good cause exists for not publishing a summary of the petition in the Federal Register because the requested extension of the exemption would not set a precedent, and any delay in acting on this petition would be detrimental to the CRPD.

The FAA has determined that the justification for the issuance of Exemption No. 6780, as amended, remains valid with respect to this exemption.

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In consideration of the foregoing, I find that a grant of exemption is in the public interest. Therefore, pursuant to the authority contained in 49 U.S.C. §§ 40113 and 44701, delegated to me by the Administrator, Exemption No. 6780, as amended, is hereby further amended by extending its June 30, 2004, termination date to June 30, 2006, unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

All conditions and limitations of Exemption No. 6780, as amended, remain the same. This letter shall be attached to, and is a part of, Exemption No. 6780.

Sincerely,

/s/

John M. Allen

Acting Director, Flight Standards Service